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Letter dated 13 April 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have been instructed by my Government to lodge a protest over the visit of Queen Rania of Jordan to Kosovo and Metohija, the autonomous province of the Yugoslav constituent Republic of Serbia, which took place without agreement of the authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. On 27 March 2000, accompanied by Rupert Scofillo and Ed Greenwood, Executive Director and Kosovo Director of the Foundation for International Community Assistance (FINCA), respectively, Queen Rania went to Milasevo and Prizren where she inaugurated a FINCA microfinancial project. She also visited a local cemetery.

The visit of the Queen of Jordan to the sovereign part of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia without approval of its authorities is yet another negative precedent in a row that has taken place of late. Visits of foreign dignitaries to Kosovo and Metohija without prior notification to, and approval by, the authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia are contrary to Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999, in particular its provisions relative to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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